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DROSOPHILA G PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTORS, NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND

METHODS RELATED TO THE SAME

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Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed along with the application enclosed herewith. This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/693,746 filed October 20, 2000, which is continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/425,676 filed October 22, 1999. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as indicated below.